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AN ACT
RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING THE JUDICIAL COMPENSATION
COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND SALARIES FOR JUDGES AND JUSTICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION--CREATION--
MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--

A. The "judicial compensation commission" is
created to recommend salaries for judges of the magistrate
courts, metropolitan courts, district courts and courts of
appeals and justices of the supreme court.

B. The judicial compensation commission shall be
composed of five members and one chairperson as follows:

- (1) the dean of the university of New Mexico
school of law, who shall serve as chairperson and vote only
in the event of a tie vote;
- (2) the president of the state bar of New
Mexico, or the president's designee;
- (3) one member appointed by the governor;
- (4) one member appointed by the president
pro tempore of the senate;
- (5) one member appointed by the speaker of
the house of representatives; and
- (6) one member appointed by the chief
justice of the supreme court.

1 C. The initial appointee of the governor shall
2 serve for three years, the initial appointees of the
3 president pro tempore and the speaker of the house shall
4 serve for two years and the initial appointee of the chief
5 justice shall serve for one year. All subsequent
6 appointments shall be made for three-year terms.

7 D. The commission is administratively attached to
8 the administrative office of the courts. Staff and meeting
9 rooms shall be provided by the administrative office of the
10 courts. The commission may employ experts to provide
11 analysis and data upon which to base its recommendations.

12 E. The commission shall meet at the call of the
13 chairperson not less than annually. The meetings shall be
14 open to the public.

15 F. Members of the commission shall receive per
16 diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act
17 and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or
18 allowance.

19 G. On or before December 1 of each year, the
20 commission shall report to the legislative finance committee
21 and the department of finance and administration its findings
22 and recommendations on salaries for judges and justices. _____

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